

LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JULY 15, 1950

	Goals					
	P	W	D	L	F	A
First Division						
Sunshine United	17	15	0	2	47	20
South Yarra	17	6	6	5	34	31
Prahran	17	8	2	7	35	35
Brighton	16	7	3	6	40	30
Sandringham City	16	6	5	5	32	34
Box Hill	13	6	3	4	21	27
Park Rangers	17	7	1	9	26	15
Footscray City	16	5	3	8	22	36
Hakoah	16	5	2	9	31	49
Moreland	15	1	3	11	19	39
Second Division						
Yallourn	17	13	1	3	80	32
Western Suburbs	16	13	0	3	53	25
Preston	17	12	1	4	51	23
South Melbourne	17	12	0	5	60	37
Juventus	17	7	3	7	34	29
Melb. University	16	7	0	9	45	48
George Cross	17	7	0	10	14	14
Ringwood	17	5	0	12	40	55
Yarraville	17	4	1	12	15	64
Heidelberg	17	1	0	16	17	78
Third Division (North)						
Fifers	17	14	2	1	81	21
White Eagles	15	11	3	1	66	16
Coburg	17	9	3	5	47	31
Williamstown	17	8	2	7	33	39
Geelong Celtic	15	7	3	5	43	32
Int. Harvesters	14	6	2	6	35	29
Melbourne Rangers	15	7	0	8	32	42
Woodlands	16	5	1	10	42	70
Royal Caledonians	15	2	0	13	34	56
South Yarra	13	0	0	13	12	83
White Eagles v. South Yarra and Woodlands v. International Harvesters—results not telephoned.						
Third Division (South)						
J.U.S.T.	15	13	2	0	76	9
F.N.D.	13	10	1	2	69	18
Victoria Police	14	10	0	4	46	26

	Goals					
	P	W	D	L	F	A
Moorabbin City	15	8	2	5	47	28
Olympic	12	8	0	4	51	28
Park Rangers	15	4	0	11	32	60
Box Hill	14	3	0	11	21	71
Bentleigh	14	2	0	12	24	76

First Division Reserves

	Goals					
	P	W	D	L	F	A
Park Rangers	17	14	2	1	63	20
Sandringham City	17	10	4	3	42	25
South Yarra	17	9	2	6	41	32
Brighton	15	8	2	5	43	32
Prahran	16	7	3	6	34	29
Box Hill	14	7	1	6	35	33
Sunshine United	17	4	6	7	42	43
Hakoah	16	5	4	7	27	37
Moreland	16	4	1	11	35	51
Footscray City	17	0	1	16	18	76
Brighton v. Prahran—result not phoned.						

Second Division Reserves

	Goals					
	P	W	D	L	F	A
Yallourn	17	15	1	1	82	9
South Melbourne	17	12	2	3	53	13
Juventus	17	12	1	4	63	32
Preston	16	11	1	4	57	25
Western Suburbs	16	9	0	7	58	43
Melb. University	15	8	0	7	54	42
Heidelberg	16	4	1	11	17	85
George Cross	16	4	0	12	14	27
Ringwood	16	2	0	11	3	57
Yarraville	16	1	0	15	6	74
George Cross v. Preston, Western Suburbs v. Heidelberg, University v. Ringwood—results not telephoned.						

Third Division Reserves

	Goals					
	P	W	D	L	F	A
Olympic	9	5	0	1	37	16
Coburg	7	5	0	2	19	11
Williamstown	7	5	0	2	26	20
Woodlands	7	4	0	3	27	23
Fifers	8	3	0	5	8	35
Moorabbin	7	0	0	7	2	24

JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JULY 15, 1950

Under 19 "B" Section

	Goals					
	P	W	D	L	F	A
Ringwood	17	5	1	11	25	39
South Yarra	17	3	1	13	14	48
Sunshine United	17	2	0	15	5	43

Under 14 Division

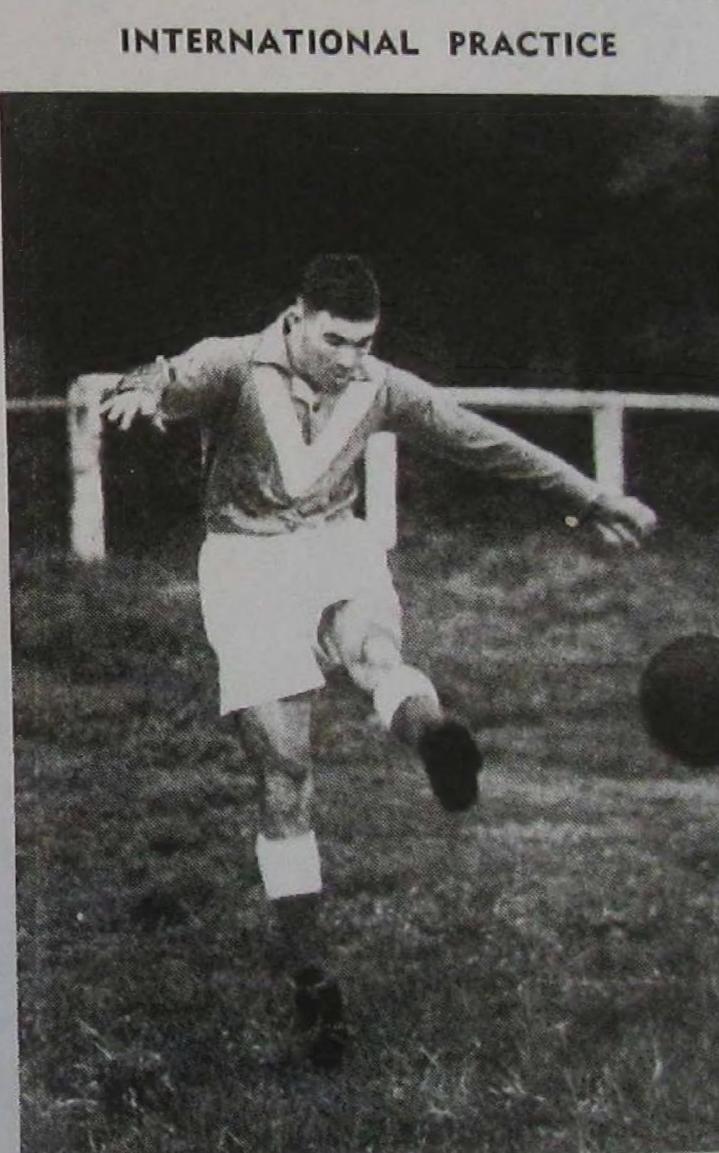
	Goals					
	P	W	D	L	F	A
Park Rangers	16	11	2	3	71	13
S. Melb. United "A"	17	11	2	4	78	17
Box Hill	16	11	1	4	47	21
Sunshine United	17	13	2	2	68	13
Coburg	17	10	0	7	42	31
Western Suburbs	16	12	1	3	44	20
Sandringham City	16	6	5	5	35	26
Preston	17	6	2	9	36	53
Bentleigh	17	4	1	12	32	60
Brighton	17	3	2	12	20	54
S. Melb. United "B"	17	3	2	12	13	42
Highett N.F.	17	0	0	17	7	146

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Editorial

All communications re "Soccer News" must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 40 Beach Road, Hampton.



Next Saturday, the 29th, will be a red-letter day in Victorian soccer. On that day the first interstate game in Victoria since the war will be played at Olympic Park.

South Australia, our opponents, is sending a very strong team and we must not let our last year's success in drawing with the Yugoslavs cause us to treat the visitors as a "push-over."

In all the years of interstate soccer Victoria has only beaten South Australia on one occasion, whereas on four occasions the S.A.'s have been victorious.

During the war years soccer fell even lower in S.A. than Victoria—only three teams being left. Since 1946 great strides have been made and the quality and quantity of football is on a par with Victoria. The S.A. Association has three divisions, with complementary reserve divisions for the two senior divisions. Prominent in the side is the goalie (H. Sloma), a former Polish schoolboy international, who in 12 games this season has been beaten only seven times. Another New Australian with a solid reputation is half-back Z. Kracmera, of Juventus (Adelaide), regarded as one of the most constructive players in S.A. Added to these are such well-known "locals" as full-backs "Snowy" Johnson, "Buller" Thompson and forwards, W. Elgood and P. Cranswick.

Altogether, it becomes increasingly obvious that the game will be a hard one and any soccerite in Melbourne next Saturday who does not turn up at Olympic Park will miss a treat.

At the Wednesday game at the M.C.G. last year thousands stayed away because of the rain. All have been kicking themselves to death ever since. Don't be one of the "suckers" this year.

This week also sees the end of the 1950 League competition. The First Division is already decided, with Sunshine United so far out in front as to be almost a record. To Sunshine we extend "Soccer News'" heartiest congratulations.

The Third Division (South) also has been won outright by J.U.S.T.—a fine tribute to a first-year club and its founder, Mr. Kuketz. To J.U.S.T. also we say, "Good show."

In the Second Division today's game will decide which of the three teams, Yallourn, Western Suburbs and Preston, will go up to the First Division. Fife and White Eagles still battle in the Third Division (North).

It is always sad to see old teams demoted and to Moreland we can only wish better luck next year. To Heidelberg also and the others whose relegation is decided today we extend our commiseration.

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MIGRANT CLUBS

By "OLD MIGRANT"

A few weeks ago an article appeared in this paper under the title "Are 'Racial' Clubs Justified?" In my opinion they are. In the first place, let us be clear about one thing. Our soccer clubs are not formed on the basis of "races"—for, correctly speaking, no such thing as "race" exists.

When migrants from, say, Yugoslavia, get together to form a new club, they do so for the same reason as settlers from anywhere else, be it Scotland, Ireland or Malta—their love for the code. In fact, the only way in which the clubs might differ fundamentally is their language.

There is only one club in Melbourne formed on the basis of a common religion and that is Hakoah-J.R.C. (Jewish Recreation Club). Neither the C.W. (Young Christian Worker) or the Y.C.L. (Young Catholic League), who enter teams in many other sports, take part in Victorian soccer. Furthermore, although Hakoah was originally intended to cater for players of the Jewish faith only, it has today many non-Jews in its playing ranks. Hakoah's First Division team is now predominately non-Jewish and consists to a very large extent of new arrivals from the Continent.

I do not believe, and cannot accept, the statement that Victorian soccer is endangered by the existence of such clubs as J.U.S.T., Olympic, George Cross, Juventus, Hakoah, White Eagles, etc. There has been trouble with some of these and other clubs. All of it has been unwarranted, unnecessary and completely inexcusable. Firm action should be taken against players warned repeatedly by referees, with complete banning of the offender when the occasion finally calls for it. But here again meticulous care should be taken that punishment is dealt out fairly and in tradition with that old principle of British justice.

Anyone who has read through the published list of players warned this year will note the number who are Australian-born and are associated with clubs of long standing. I fully realise that this year spectators—more than the players themselves—have caused great trouble and have been responsible for the brawls, near-brawls and abandonment of games. Intimidation of referees nearly always came from the sidelines first.

But until these hot-headed spectators are controlled, in the first place by roping off the ground properly, and if that proves insufficient, by police protection, little good can be achieved by anyone.

Let us remember, too, what happened in a recent Sydney top-line soccer match when players, spectators and referee engaged in a free-for-all. I can also recall a bad brawl in an Association Football match at Port Melbourne when a man was subsequently charged with an offence, and also at the League's Carlton ground when flying bottles were the order of the day. Let us not be too self-conscious. We are not alone in this.

Nothing can be gained by banning whole clubs from the game or by placing the "troublesome ones" in a division of their own. For by what yardstick could such a club's action be judged? Whether it has had more than one or two of its players reported during one season, perhaps? Will we let prejudice and not soccer victories guide us as to who will be promoted and who relegated?

And in conclusion, just one word about the "bad" write-ups we have been receiving from certain papers when trouble has occurred. One notorious West Melbourne wrestler used to say, "My bad reputation is better than none. It fills the house." Many spectators were attracted to soccer this season as a result of the publicity given over the disagreements on the playing field. Some of those who came stayed—to become fervent, roaring supporters of the code, even though they were a little disappointed at the absence of the promised "ding-dong fight."

After all said and done, our new migrants, wherever they may have come from, have given Australia little to be anxious about and much to be thankful for. If in soccer they have been a little "over the odds," this, too, will die down and last minute a little with the referee.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Last week the members of "Soccer News" committee saw fit to publish a eulogy of myself.

Now that, owing to unfortunate circumstances, the members of the committee and I myself have handed in our resignations, I feel compelled to make acknowledgments to all those who have made possible what by all accounts has been a popular "rag."

Of Asher & Co., our printers, who have done a great job and have not received from myself as good a go as I had intended, I cannot speak too highly.

Mr. Roy Tabley, our publisher, who has come to Heidelberg on several occasions for conferences, could not have done more.

To Mr. Percy Searle, our columnist—the Walter Winchell of "Soccer News"—I have to hand it for his amazing ability to scrounge news. Last, but not least, to Mr. Ralph White, who has always insisted on staying in the background but who has always been the connecting link and has called twice a week at Heidelberg Hospital to keep me posted—well, words fail me. Thanks, Ralph.

Next week's edition, which is a Special Souvenir Number, will be the last turned out by this committee. It will be on sale only at Olympic Park, except in case of special orders from clubs.

Clubs will be notified in due course if the Association intends to carry on "Soccer News" for the rest of the season.

V. J. M. DIXON,
Editor "Soccer News."

CUP TIE THRILLS AHEAD

August 5 will bring us the Cup Tie competitions, and excited club supporters will be barracking for their respective sides with an enthusiasm that is not evident in League fixtures.

A League match and a Cup Tie are entirely different propositions, not necessarily in play, although often one sees it that way. The real difference is the attitude of the players towards the two matches. Whilst one is practically normal, everything in the other is exceptional. The latter produces excitement, anxiety, and uncertainty.

No matter who your opponents may be, all Cup Ties are hard to win. No matter how low some teams are on the League list, they believe they have some sort of a chance, even if it's against the leaders. They know this knock-out series is made up of surprises, that some team always arises to shatter reputations. So if there is fear there is also hope. Keen, honest endeavor can do wonders, so players among the weaker teams are inspired to make a supreme effort. It is only for one special match, and if he fails, no one thinks any the worse of him. If his team succeeds he will be counted more or less as a hero. By time the match begins, the team have got their sleeves rolled up, determined to battle it out to a finish. They have the thought in mind: "We won't play these fellows as they would like us to play. If we do that they are sure to beat us. We must make the game different from what they are accustomed to; we must try and throw them off their balance and unsettle them."

It is no surprise then, when they play faster than in an ordinary match; they are bolder in tackling, and take risks to win these coveted trophies. They have everything to gain and nothing to lose. They hope to make a good start, and the longer they keep their opponents at bay, the more formidable they become. If they get a goal the pace is piled on; they play harder, never permitting their opponents to settle down.

Thus one can see these are trials for the leading teams accustomed to play in a calculated style. No doubt they should alter their style to counteract the methods of their opponents, but it is not so easy for a team used to ball play and combined effort. However, the best team ought to win the Cup, and it often happens that the finalists have gained their distinction by merit. Good luck to all teams in their respective Cup and Shield contests.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

DOCKERTY CUP DRAW—1950

First Round—August 5—

Prahran v. Moreland.
Yarraville v. Victoria Police.
Fifers v. Sandringham City.

Second Round—August 12—

- Game 1. George Cross v. Hakoah at Olympic Park.
- Game 2. Brighton v. Yarraville or Victoria Police.
- Game 3. Footscray City v. Woodlands.
- Game 4. J.U.S.T v. Bentleigh.
- Game 5. Ringwood v. International Harvesters.
- Game 6. University v. Fifers or Sandringham City.
- Game 7. R.A.A.F. (Point Cook) v. Prahran or Moreland.
- Game 8. Western Suburbs v. Park Rangers (Holders).
- Game 9. Olympic v. Moorabbin City.
- Game 10. South Melbourne v. Preston.
- Game 11. Geelong Celtic v. F.N.D.
- Game 12. Coburg v. Yallourn.
- Game 13. Juventus v. Box Hill.
- Game 14. Sunshine United v. Williamstown.
- Game 15. Melbourne Rangers v. Royal Caledonians.
- Game 16. White Eagles v. South Yarra.

Third Round—August 19—

- Winner of game 5 v. winner of game 3.
- Winner of game 11 v. winner of game 14.
- Winner of game 7 v. winner of game 8.
- Winner of game 9 v. winner of game 13.
- Winner of game 15 v. winner of game 12.
- Winner of game 1 v. winner of game 4.
- Winner of game 2 v. winner of game 16.
- Winner of game 6 v. winner of game 10.

Fourth Round—August 26—

- Winner of 7 and 8 v. winner of 15 and 12.
- Winner of 1 and 4 v. winner of 9 and 13.
- Winner of 11 and 14 v. winner of 2 and 16.
- Winner of 5 and 3 v. winner of 6 and 10.

RESERVE CUP DRAW—1950.

First Round—August 5—

Preston v. Fifers.
Yallourn v. Juventus.
Box Hill v. Sandringham City.
Ringwood v. South Melbourne United.
R.A.A.F. (Point Cook) v. Moorabbin City.
Prahran (Holders) v. Park Rangers.
Footscray City v. Williamstown.
Brighton v. Hakoah.

Second Round—August 12—

- Game 1. Prahran or Park Rangers v. Moreland.
- Game 2. Ringwood or South Melbourne v. Preston or Fifers.
- Game 3. Footscray City or Williamstown v. Box Hill or Sandringham City.
- Game 4. University v. Woodlands.
- Game 5. Yallourn or Juventus v. Coburg.
- Game 6. R.A.A.F. or Moorabbin City v. Brighton or Hakoah.
- Game 7. South Yarra v. Olympic.
- Game 8. Sunshine United v. Western Suburbs.

Third Round—August 19—

Winners of game 8 v. winners of game 3.
 Winners of game 5 v. winners of game 1.
 Winners of game 7 v. winners of game 4.
 Winners of game 2 v. winners of game 6.

Club officials please note.—DOCKERTY CUP AND RESERVE CUP.

In the event of a draw after 90 minutes, an extra half hour will be played. This applies to Dockerty Cup rounds 1, 2, 3 and 4 and Reserve Cup, rounds 1, 2 and 3.

Draw for semi-final of Dockerty Cup and Reserve Cup will be made at a later date.

Where the first team and the Reserve team are drawn at home in the Cup Ties on the same Saturday the Reserve team is required to find another ground on which to play its game. Failing the above play will be on the opponents' ground.

All clubs are required to inform the opponents of exact directions to reach their ground. This applies to home clubs. All results must be notified by telephone immediately after the match has been played.

The following League matches have been arranged for Saturday, August 5. Club secretaries are required to make the usual arrangements:—

First Division—

Footscray City v. Box Hill.

Third Division (South)—

F.N.D. v. Olympic.

Second Division—

University v. Western Suburbs.

Third Division (North)—

Royal Caledonians v. White Eagles.

Melbourne Rangers v. Geelong Celtic.

Third Division Reserves—

Coburg v. Olympic.

The League management committee has ruled that if any of the above fixtures cannot be played the club originally requesting the postponement shall forfeit the match points.

S. BEATON, Secretary V.A.S.F.A.



Hakoah J.R.C. First Division Reserve Team

GREAT DAY FOR YALLOURN

Tomorrow—Sunday, the 23rd—sees a day of great importance in Yallourn, for on this occasion Mr. Alec Kerr and his State selectors are taking the Victorian State side and some other "possibles" down to Gippsland for a final trial run.

This game should give soccer a fillip in the Latrobe Valley, and the Council of the V.A.S.F.A. is to be congratulated on such a far-sighted move.

It is only by giving outlying districts the opportunity of seeing Victoria's best, that the standard of the game will improve in those districts. Council can well regard the money as well spent.

The Yallourn Club—with question the most go-ahead club in Victoria—fully deserves a visit from the State side. For years this group of "fanatics" hidden away in the hills of Gippsland have kept the game going and have always been the main centre of soccer in Victoria outside Melbourne. The strenuous efforts they have made this year to regain their lost position in Division I proves their keenness. Throughout the off-season this band of brown coal miners are raising the wind" for the coming football season. They refuse to be shut away in their native hills and to make it possible for them to play in the State League they have found £20/10/- weekly for transport alone.

Today also the Yallourn Under 19 side will have a chance to see the finer touch in football. This is so necessary to their success in the Senior grade which they will so soon be entering. These boys, by the way, also travel bi-weekly to Melbourne and are strong enough to hold a 5-point lead over their nearest rivals at the head of the table.

It is to be hoped, too, that the ladies, who so unselfishly run the cafeteria at the Yallourn ground, will be enabled to spare sufficient time to watch what is likely to be Yallourn's best game for many a long day.

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KNOW YOUR CLUBS—17**SUNSHINE UNITED**

The First Division League Champions, 1950, is a far cry to third from the bottom in 1949; but such has been the lot of Sunshine. Naturally it hasn't just happened that way without the efforts of a hard-working bunch of soccer men, namely, the general committee.

The club was formed in the early 'twenties, but was disbanded for some years. The Junior section was reformed during the war and finally the Senior team was readmitted to the Soccer Association in 1946. Old soccer followers will recall the epic Cup matches with Footscray, Thistle and the Navy, and giants of the past in I. Foster, W. Leech, W. Picken, F. Judd, S. Owens, R. Thayby, to mention just a few. The present team boast of four players whose fathers played for Sunshine before them, namely, A. Harraden, A. and W. Kyle and A. Drennen.

Sunshine is represented in soccer football today by five teams, two Senior and three under age teams. Eight members of the regular First team played Schoolboy football in Sunshine and surrounding districts, which shows that the juniors are given every opportunity.

Since the war Sunshine record is as follows:—

Winners of 1946 Second Division Cup.

Winners of 1947 First Division Championship.

Runners-up 1948 First Division Championship.

Winners First Division Championship.

Sunshine people are proud of their club, and while such capable management exists are confident that its name will be with the top-liners for many years.

Pertinent Pars.

By P. SEARLE

WERE THEIR FACES RED

Many fans were curious to know what the State selectors were thinking last Sunday as their selected side was being trounced! They certainly got the "bird" from a couple of ladies just in front of the Press box!

ANOTHER MARRIAGE

Latest to leave the bachelor ranks is genial Joe Wilson, Sandringham winger and State representative. Joe was married last Friday week, so it was surprising to see him missing against Hakoah! Best wishes, Joe, from all soccerdom.

GOOD NEWS

Moves to have an alteration to the present method of running the Dockerty Cup have failed for this season at least. A "seeding" system, also the introduction of a qualifying round were mooted, but opinion was against them. The element of luck in the draw, a main feature of a Cup competition, will be retained.

LOOK OUT, TABLE TENNIS FANS!

You will need to be good when Dave McCall, of Preston, is around or start to dodge him! Dave is an ex-South Glasgow Champion and also includes dancing among his hobbies.

COINCIDENCE

The R.A.A.F. and George Cross teams have drawn home for all their ties up to the fourth round. Yallourn have drawn away for their first three ties.

VERY NICE NEWS

Generous donations to the recent appeal by "Jock" Parker for trophies for the "World Cup" series (Victorian edition) have been overwhelming. Over £100 of cups, medals, etc., have been promised to Jock.

HAT TRICK, INDEED!

Everyone must feel that Dave Stoddard, Brighton centre, put up a particularly fine feat in getting 5 goals against Prahran last week. Despite Prahran's weakened side, they had to go past Harry Ashworth, a top-notch custodian by any standard!

SHOULD BE A CLASSIC

Yallourn folk will be in for a soccer treat tomorrow when Victoria play Rest. Cannot have it that last week's result will be repeated and think it will be a ding-dong struggle, with the "Vics." saving their face.

KNOWS THE GAME

State selector, Tom Higgins, who until recently was playing with Western Suburbs, was a player of note in the Old Country. Tom played centre-half for Victoria when the Palestinian side was out here in 1939. Tom's influence played a major part in the club's appearance in the semi-final of the Cup three times.

IN PASSING

As this will be the last edition in which these pars will appear, I will take the opportunity of thanking all those soccer folk who have done so much this year to put our grand code further ahead. I believe, despite some features that weren't to the credit of soccer, that it has been the best season in soccer history of Victoria. I think that a soccer paper is essential to the continued progress of the code and can do much to weld officials, players, referees and spectators into one united body. It is hoped this column played some small part in that aim.

CLUB JOTTINGS

SOUTH MELBOURNE RESERVES WIN AGAIN

Visiting Ringwood last Saturday, South Melbourne Reserve team put up a good performance in beating Ringwood by 4 goals to 2. In the first half of play South players couldn't settle down at all and had to concede Ringwood 1 goal at half-time. The second half came and South got the equaliser through a fine goal by Ron Rigby. A few minutes later South took the lead with a simple goal by Jack Key. After this goal Ringwood pressed hard on the South goal mouth and the easiest possible goal was scored by Ringwood. There was a tussle in front of goal between a Ringwood forward and a South back. While the scuffle was taking place South goalkeeper ran out of goal to meet the tussle and the Ringwood forward sent the ball past the keeper only to roll into an empty net. South then hit back and got two quick goals. Final scores were, South Melbourne 4. Ringwood 2.

Goal scorers for South were Jack Key (2), Ron Rigby (2). Best players: Key, Rigby, Smiles, Bailey, Le Fevre, Parnaby, Mullen.

COBURG

Coburg Soccer Club on July 8 had two wins and one defeat in its three games. The Senior team played South Yarra and won by 5 goals to 2. This game was fast and some good team-work was witnessed on both sides. Coburg didn't have the usual team. Some of the players are down with the 'flu.

The Juniors Under 19 defeated Northcote by 9 goals to nil. Northcote could not handle the muddy ground and this made Coburg outstanding as the players seemed to revel in the mud. But nevertheless Northcote took the defeat in grand spirit.

The Schoolboys were defeated by Preston, 1 goal to nil. This game was of good class. Both teams were out for the honors and a determined struggle ensued. Coburg being the losers.

Another dance will take place in the Masonic Hall, Bell Street, on Thursday August 31, and will be a novelty night--balloons, streamers, etc. The president, and secretary wish all patrons to keep the night open and help the club along for further entertainments. Your support is our success.

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SANDRINGHAM CITY

Our club is very proud that three players are selected to represent Victoria against South Australia. We deem it a great honor and offer our congratulations to Ralph White, Joe Wilson and Joe Bambro who are great clubmen.

Sandringham had a great game with Hakoah last Saturday and Hakoah were unlucky not to win. Still, that is the luck of the game. The City team was switched around a bit and the move seemed to put a bit of life into the centre part of the field, which in recent games has been wide open.

Joe Wilson was absent, as he was married the day before.

We offer our congratulations to Joe and his bride, who have only been in Australia about six months but seem to be settling down in the good old Aussie way.

The stork has been visiting down Sandringham way, and we offer our congratulations to Joan and George Nicoll on the arrival of a son. George is captain of the Reserve team and we hope that his newly arrived son, in years to come, will give the game as good a service.

The Junior committee is working at full pressure to make the Grand Ball at the Melbourne Town Hall a great success. Anybody interested contact Don Bingham, who will gladly give all details.

PARK RANGERS v. FOOTSCRAY CITY

This game, at Middle Park, was important to both teams. A defeat would endanger chances of escaping from the relegation zone. The game was full of incident, if not of good football, with the Rangers just about value for the 1-0 victory. The vital goal was scored by Starkey, playing at inside-left, who anticipating a back pass to Dawson, the City goalie, raced past the full-back, and netted.

Neither side was able to settle down during the 90 minutes and there were many mistakes and misdirected passes. For the home side Howieson (right-half), Clark (outside-left) were outstanding, while Dawson (centre-half) and Baker (outside-right) did well for the visitors. Neither goalkeeper had a great deal of work to do, but what they had they did adequately and never seemed to be greatly troubled.

Rangers' Third team was beaten 7-2 by the Navy team and the score represents the superiority of the victors.

The Under 14 team enhanced its championship chances by an easy victory at Highett.

The First Division Reserves team has a 5-point margin over their nearest rivals. This has been gained despite repeated changes in team composition, necessitated by Senior team claims.

PRESTON v. GEORGE CROSS

There were four heroes in this game: first, the referee, who handled the game with skill and care, but, above all, refrained from antagonising either side; then, Camilleri, who did everything humanly possible to keep his goal intact; third, Joe Crompoets, who scored the winning goal for Preston; and, lastly, right-back George Smith for his uncanny anticipation and faultless clearances.

Preston lined up as follows:—Bain; G. Smith, Heland; McCall, Morahan, Wall; Crompoets, Bracewell, Rackham, Finnerty, J. Smith.

In the first half, all the Preston forwards tested Camilleri, but George Cross were superior in team-work. The visitors' right-wing worked very smoothly and created many opportunities that went begging. Half-time came with no score.

After the interval Preston found their feet. Bracewell and Finnerty controlled the ball, dribbled, swerved and passed in a way delightful to watch. Smith juggled on the left wing. Crompoets menaced on the right. The halves moved up and promptly returned most of the George Cross clearances. A cheer went up when Rackham netted, but he was off-side. Preston continued their bombardment and, with five minutes to go, Crompoets placed the ball squarely in the net.

Preston may yet gain promotion, and on this performance fully deserve it.

WOODLANDS

Woodlands played Royal Caledonians a real good game under ideal conditions on Saturday, July 8. Woodlands' large score of 6-2 did not mean an easy win. It was a hard game with both sides fighting hard for the lead right up to the final few seconds. Woodlands, having struck form so late in the season, has better hopes for the new season.

On Sunday, 9th, Woodlands played the Victoria Police a friendly game and, a good tussle it was. Woodlands had two short in their side owing to injuries and players working. The Victoria Police scored 3 goals to Woodlands' 2. It was level going all the way with the help of two of the Police playing for Woodlands. A fine lot of fellows comprise this Police soccer club and take some stopping. A special thanks to Mr. Marten, the referee, for giving his services free for the day, and thanks to Mr. Dipple, of the Police club, for giving us such a fine game.

SOUTH MELBOURNE

South Melbourne Reserves continue their winning way by defeating Juventus Reserves by 2 goals to nil in the match at Middle Park on Saturday, 15th. The game opened with strong pressure from Juventus, but the defence of South Melbourne was too strong and the visitors could not penetrate. South Melbourne boys soon settled down and scored two goals through the fine play of Parnaby and Key. The Juventus goalie made some spectacular saves which prevented South Melbourne going further ahead. A good, clean game resulted in South Melbourne Reserves 2 goals, Juventus 0. Special mention is due to the referee for a well controlled match and thanks, Juventus, for your sportsmanship.

JUVENTUS

Results:—South Melbourne defeated Juventus, 3-0; South Melbourne Reserves defeated Juventus Reserves, 2-0; Juventus Juniors defeated South Melbourne Juniors, 1-0.

The Senior and Junior matches were played at Royal Park under ideal conditions. Both games were very closely fought matches. In the main match the Southerners scored two goals in the first half, one coming from a penalty. In the second half South Melbourne scored a third goal when the visitors' centre-forward completely beat the Juventus defenders by a sprint that left them standing.

The Juniors' match was a very vigorous and at times rough match. South Melbourne found it hard to counter the bustling Juventus defence. The goal was scored by left-wing Pozzo in the first half.

In the Reserves match played at South Melbourne the locals defeated the visitors by a comfortable 2-0 margin.

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UNIVERSITY

At Ringwood University played well to gain a 4-0 victory. Ringwood attacked from the start and was unlucky several times. However, good work by "Shop's" goalie and backs repulsed further attacks and enabled the University forwards to break.

After several unsuccessful attempts to score, the ice was broken when Deacon scored from a free kick.

Play then swung from end to end, with both defences playing well and preventing further score until well into the second half. Then Sanderson made no mistake in netting a cross from the wing.

At this stage University had complete control and goals by A. Gravell and Wyatt put "Shop" well in front.

Good work by the Ringwood right full and half-backs broke up many attacks and the home side began to take over. However, the University defenders repulsed very torrid attacks the last ten minutes of play and "Shop" finished winning 4-0.

"Shop" has had a few injuries this season. Don Sutherland's broken nose may keep him out for another week, but it is expected that Don Gray and Ingram Jamieson will be fit this week.

MOORABBIN CITY

Pride of place goes to Mr. Jack Scratton, our new treasurer, who has been on the job for the last three weeks. He plays for the Reserve team when we are fortunate enough to have matches.

For the second week running we played a Continental team, but what a difference.

Owing to injuries from the previous week we had to call on the Reserves for four players, and the Juniors for another replacement.

Our Junior captain, Roy Greenwood, played at outside-right and from his first corner, Hal Symons headed one home. Roy also scored the last goal.

Olympic also had a depleted team, being short of their regular outside-right, centre-forward and goalkeeper. Both teams played hard games. Result was 3-1 for the home team.

THE "ARGUS"

We very much regret that a paragraph in our July 1 number has been construed as referring to the "Argus." "Soccer News" cannot speak too highly of the kindness and assistance we have received from the "Argus" at all times. Were it not for Mr. Cust (Sporting Editor) "Soccer News" would not have had 90 per cent. of its illustrations. Often at most inconvenient times a photographer has been sent out at our request, and all the photos the "Argus" did not use themselves were generously given to "Soccer News." To the "Argus" "we dips our lid." — (Ed.).

INTERSTATE MATCH**VICTORIA**

versus

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

OLYMPIC PARK — SATURDAY, JULY 29

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Readers are invited to send along queries, suggestions, etc., to the Editor. All will be given appropriate consideration.



Sir.—I feel that a letter of thanks should go through "Soccer News" from Yallourn to Mr. and Mrs. Dodds, of the Western Suburbs club. When Yallourn played Western Suburbs at Sunshine at half-time the four Yallourn committeemen were invited over for afternoon tea, and after the match the players were also taken over and entertained, too.

This was a very fine gesture by Mr. and Mrs. Dodds. It was certainly a very big job to cope with so many, and on behalf of Yallourn Reserves and committee I wish to express our thanks and appreciation and say that it is the people like Mr. and Mrs. Dodds that make this game of soccer worth while. Mr. Dodds said "it was a little return for what we did for them," but it is a lot more as it was one lady's effort against our ladies' committee. There is a lot of difference there. Hoping you are still on the mend, Mr. Editor, and looking forward to seeing you again before the end of the season. Regards from all.—Yours, etc., F. W. DADDO, Hon. Sec. Yallourn S.C.

P.S.—Mr. Bayley, who writes Gippsland Gleanings, was rushed to hospital last week, but am very pleased to say that he is on the mend again and expects to be home one day next week.—F.W.D.

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NOTICE

POLICE CLUB PICTURE NIGHT.—On Wednesday, July 26, at 8 p.m., a picture night will be held at Russell Street. The programme will consist of soccer coaching films and supporting shorts. Members of all clubs welcome.—
SECRETARY, Police Club.

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NOTICE

Owing to the amount of material to hand for the special number for the South Australian visit next Saturday, 29th, space for club notes will be very limited.

"SOCCER NEWS" COMPETITION

No competitor succeeded in correctly forecasting the results of matches played on Saturday, July 15. Result of final competition next week.

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JUNIOR SECTION

COLLECTION AT OLYMPIC PARK

The collection at Olympic Park last Sunday afternoon at the Victoria versus "The Rest" game totalled £32/14/- The Junior Tour Fund should benefit from this by approximately £25.

STATE SCHOOLBOY TEAM LEAVES TOMORROW

Tomorrow the Victorian Under 14 Schoolboys' team will leave for Sydney aboard the "Spirit of Progress" from Spencer Street station at 6.30 p.m., to take part in the Australian Schoolboys' Soccer Carnival. All boys selected are to report to Mr. Olsen, the Victorian manager, at 5.30 p.m. sharp at the Spencer Street station.

The following is the programme the boys will follow while in New South Wales:-

Monday, July 24.—Team arrives in Sydney and continues on to Newcastle.
 Tuesday, 25th, and Wednesday, 26th.—Guests of Newcastle.
 Thursday, 27th.—Team returns to Sydney.
 Friday, 28th.—Official welcome.
 Saturday, 29th.—VICTORIA v. QUEENSLAND.
 Monday, 31st.—Visit to Taronga Park.
 Tuesday, August 1.—VICTORIA v. SYDNEY.
 Wednesday, 2nd.—Visit to National Park.
 Thursday, 3rd.—VICTORIA v. NEW SOUTH WALES.
 Friday, 4th.—Team departs from Wollongong.
 Saturday, 5th, to Tuesday, 8th.—Guests of Wollongong.
 Tuesday, 8th.—Team departs for Melbourne.

UNDER 19 STATE TRIALS

Tomorrow (Sunday) further State trials (Under 19) will be conducted at Yarra Park, commencing 2 p.m. The following players are to report to Mr. Rickerby outside the Olympic Park gates at 1.30 p.m. sharp:-

Pritchard, Jennings (Moorabbin); Vangelista, Bevilaqua (Juventus); Diamond (Hakoah); Hill, Hateley, Crosbie (Sunshine United); Palmer, Stevenson (Sandringham City); Peachey, Horabin, Williams, Gilchrist (Preston); Hanbridge, White, Hartley (Coburg); Jarvis, Gauchi (Box Hill); Sheppard, McLean (South Yarra); Riddell, Stiles, James (South Melbourne United); Gabel (Park Rangers); Richards (Army Apprentices); Dixon (Brighton).

CALLING ALL CLUB TRAINERS

An S O S is sent out for club trainers to volunteer for service during the local international contests to be held on the following Sundays:-

August 6 at Olympic Park.

August 13 at Middle Park.

August 20 at Olympic Park. Charlestown (N.S.W.) v. Victoria Juniors.

September 3 at Olympic Park.

September 17 at Olympic Park.

Volunteers are requested to contact Mr. J. Parker, 22 Southernhay Street, Regent, as soon as possible.

MR. D. O. LAIDLAW DONATES TROPHY

The organisers are pleased to announce that in response to the appeal for a trophy for the local international contests to commence Sunday, August 6, Mr. D. O. Laidlaw, president of the Ringwood Soccer Club, has donated a very handsome and valuable trophy to be played for annually. Mr. Laidlaw has also donated individual trophies to all players of the winning team and the runners-up. The organisers thank most sincerely Mr. Laidlaw for his very fine gesture, and the Junior Association extend also its gratitude to him. It means that if these contests are conducted each season, the Junior Association will benefit considerably, and will have very little to worry about when it comes to sending teams away interstate. Thanks, Mr. Laidlaw, on behalf of all schoolboy and junior

MR. DREYFUS AND MR. INGHAM ALSO TO THE RESCUE

The Junior Association desires to express its most sincere thanks to Mr. Dreyfus, a member of the Referees' Association, for his donation of trophies to be presented to the best and fairest player in the Victorian (Under 19 team) and the visiting Charlestown (N.S.W.) team, in the match to be played in Melbourne on Saturday, August 19.

Mr. Howard K. Ingham, chairman of council, is also heartily thanked for his donation of trophies for the best and fairest players in the two Under 19 teams which will play off in the Junior Cup Final.

DONATIONS RECEIVED

Mr. Marson, father of one of the Victorian interstate schoolboys, has donated £1 towards the junior interstate tour fund. Thanks, Mr. Marson.

A cheque for £2 has been received from the Hakoah club for the "Ted Low Appeal" for outfitting the Under 14 and Under 19 interstate teams. Our thanks are extended to all members of the Hakoah Club.

Prahran club has also contributed to this appeal to the extent of £2/10/-. Thanks are also extended to the members of the Prahran club.

The Victorian Council has also donated £10 from general funds towards Mr. Low's appeal, and a further £10 is to be received from the trustees. The Victorian Council is to be commended for the help it has given the Junior Association in sending the interstate teams away. In addition to permitting the Juniors to benefit considerably from the collections at Olympic Park during the interstate trials, additional grants of £25 were made some weeks ago.

Save our Native Fauna No. 5



Two mammals alone in the world lay eggs, thus providing the scientist's "missing link" with the lower animals. Both are Australian: the Platypus is one, and the other is the Echidna (*Tachyglossus aculeatus*) which wanders in the open forest in search of ants and termites. It is protected by a coat of prickles superficially like those of the Porcupine to which, however, it is not related. A full grown specimen may weigh four or five pounds; but its mouth is less than half an inch wide, and toothless. It has to catch insects almost constantly with its long sticky tongue to survive stout claws for opening ant nests.